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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG Benelux Command Policy Letter 24*, USAG Benelux Policy on Controlling Smoking

1. References:

- a. AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion, Controlling Smoking, 28 April 1996.
- b. DOD Instruction 1010.15, Smoke-free Workplace, 7 March 1994.

2. Purpose: To establish the USAG Benelux' Policy on Controlling Smoking in accordance with the above-cited references. For the purpose of this policy, smoking is defined as the burning of filtered or unfiltered tobacco products in such a manner, that it creates significant health risk of second hand smoke inhalation to others.

3. Objective: The primary intent of the Army Policy on Controlling Smoking is to ensure people are protected from secondhand smoke.

4. Policy:

a. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings under the control of the USAG Benelux. This includes all offices, work areas, recreation facilities, retail stores, morale, welfare, and recreation buildings, and common areas of community controlled apartment complexes and billets. Exceptions are:

(1) Smoking areas may be designated in community clubs.

(2) Billets: Any barracks room with both nonsmokers and smokers will be designated as non-smoking. A barracks room with smokers only be designated as a smoking room; however, the senior occupant of the barracks and the barracks commander will ensure that those in smoking rooms remain considerate of nonsmokers in billeting.

b. Smoking is neither permitted in offices or where nonsmokers work or enter regularly, regardless of ventilation. These areas include commander and supervisor offices, customer service areas, orderly rooms, waiting rooms, dayrooms, lunchrooms, break rooms, stairwells, bathrooms, and hallways.

c. Smoking is also prohibited in government vehicles and aircraft.

d. Military and civilian leaders will ensure nonsmokers are protected from secondhand smoke and will enforce this policy strictly.

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e. If possible, designated outdoor smoking areas may provide a reasonable measure of protection from the elements. However, the designated areas will be at least 50 feet from common points of ingress/egress and will not be located in areas that are commonly used by nonsmokers. Smokers are expected to police and keep these areas clean.

5. For military personnel, this policy constitutes an order, the violation of which is punishable under Article 92 of the UCMJ (violation of a lawful order). For civilian employees of the U.S. Forces, smoking in prohibited areas may result in disciplinary action under appropriate civilian personnel regulations. For dependants of military or civilian personnel, smoking in prohibited areas may be grounds for administrative action under UR 27-9, the civilian misconduct regulation.

6. The proponent for this memorandum is the Health Promotion Coordinator at DSN: 423-5979.


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